

I am opposed to SB 184 extending the timeframe for absentee balloting due to COVID, and HB 5262. As evidenced in the last election, we do not have the controls in place to ensure that eligible voters, and only eligible voters, vote once, and only once, and of their own mind. Enfield had 200 ballots not counted and no one can seem to explain why they were "late". Furthermore, we are no longer in a state of crisis over COVID, much as our esteemed governor would like us all to believe. It is our right and PRIVILEGE to be afforded the opportunity to vote and elect representatives that will represent US. While absentee ballots do serve a purpose for those that absolutely can not go to the polls due to absence from the vicinity on election day, or an illness that prevents one from going to the polls, the fear that I might catch a cold or a virus is not sufficient reason to vote via absentee ballot. Those that view voting as a right and a PRIVILEGE will make the effort (which is usually very minimal) to get themselves to the polls and cast a ballot.